

WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK.

A TALE OF LOVE AND WAR.

By JOSEPH HATTON.

CHAPTER XIV.

"IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!"

The arrival of the Deputy Grébaud, instead of the Count de Fournier, the evident anxiety of the duchess, a hurried message which presently took the duke away, sudden rumours that the troops of the National Guard were stationed within the gates of the Château de Louvet, and a remark made by Captain Marcy to a well-known friend, all pointed to the hands of the people, created considerable uneasiness among the guests bidden to the wedding of Mathilde de Louvet with Henri Lavelle, Count de Fournier.

A few men, more timid than the rest, had sought advice in as secret a way as possible from leaders and friends of the party of order to which they belonged. A group of well-known men, who had been intimate with the duke, had been gathered upon the terrace, and the ladies had been warned by their less venturesome lords to make ready for their departure.

In the midst of the general uneasiness the duke entered the hall, leading in his hand the chief of the police, who was longer in his uniform, but dressed in the style of the Count de Louvet, a costume which the duke had worn at the coronation of his unfortunate successor.

A general murmur of surprise and satisfaction greeted him. The duchess, at that moment, was speaking with the Deputy Grébaud. They both turned to see the guests gathered round the duke and the duke, while at the same moment the police and his clerks were making their formal entry, the master of the ceremony, standing in the doorway, said to the Duke:

"An allover in the salon, hitherto concealed by a portiere, was uncovered, showing a table and writing materials, at which the notary and his officials took their seats."

"Presently, you, my dear friends and neighbours," said the duke, "my daughter, Mathilde, Henriette Hortense de Louvet, the daughter of whose husband with Henri Lavelle, Count de Fournier, you honour us by being present to witness."

Vivacious shouts of "long life and happiness" greeted this announcement. "There has been an unfortunate delay in our proceedings," continued the duke, "but the duchess and I both heartily invite you to assist us in the ceremony of the wedding of our daughter, which has been postponed for a time, but which we shall be able to resume as soon as the matter is further to be marked that those of our honoured guests who do not accept our poor hospitality for the night will find sufficient escort with flambeaux, provided by our master of the house."

The duke had once upon a time rejoiced in a magnificent establishment, which had been administered in a right royal fashion; but on this occasion it was a trifling grandiose and misleading to talk of the master of the house, who was no more than his chief stableman, and half-commissioned, but such arrangements as he had been able to make for attendance upon those who might require torch-bearers or guides were on a fairly liberal scale. The ceremony of betrothal should have taken place before sunset, though the ceremony of the wedding would remain over their wine until late. Many were staying in the house; others had come long distances; a few from residences in the suburbs of Paris, which were in these days practically in the country, out off to a great extent from the immediate neighbourhood of the city.

Hardly had the duke finished speaking and the cheers of his guests were heard at the entrance to the salon; and before his grace could turn to inquire the cause of it, the Count de Fournier, in his seat attended by his companion of gendarmes under the command of the officer who had interrupted Pierre Grappin, forced their way into the room, the commissary uttering his shibboleth, "In the name of the law!"

Almost at the same moment the ladies were put aside, and the gentlemen, with few exceptions, drew their rapiers. Grébaud and his friend, Captain Marcy, remained apparently unmoved.

"Henri Lavelle, otherwise Count de Fournier, I arrest you, by order of the Count de Louvet, as being a person whose name is inscribed in a group of words bloods surrounding the count with shouts of protest and resistance. The duchess and most of the other ladies retired to the further end of the room, attended by several gentlemen, endeavouring to assure them that nothing serious was about to happen."

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"Forward!" commanded the captain of the gendarmes, and thereupon Captain Marcy drew his sword.

"For God's sake!" shouted Grébaud, singling himself between the soldiers and the excited royalists, "let it be the master of the house who shall say, by God, it shall be so!" said the Vicomte Languedoc. "Messieurs!—on guard!"

"Let me beseech you!" said Mathilde, releasing herself from her father's arm and placing herself in front of the vicomte. "This is a peaceful house, loyal to the nation. Do not you, monsieur le vicomte, defy the law. And you, Monsieur Grébaud, you have the power, order the withdrawal of the gentlemen who have come to the peace of a private house."

"Let me join my prayer to that," said the duchess, coming forward.

"Pardon me," said the count, speaking for the first time, "I will accept no favour at the hands of Monsieur Grébaud. My dear friend, permit me, he is turning to Mathilde and taking her hand, he led her to her mother, and the group of royalists now stood together, a compact body of gallant fellows ready for battle."

"Nay, then, meaning the full authority, said Grébaud, perceiving from the first, we will have consideration for mademoiselle and the ladies. Gallantry is as compatible with liberty as tyranny. With your permission, the law must not be used to its full extent. You will set an example of forbearance, gentlemen," he went on, addressing the commissary and his officials.

"That shall be an example of sobriety and mercy to these royalists and the police. Monsieur le commissaire, let the ceremony proceed. Monsieur le commissaire, you will have the grace to retire, our good friend, the commissary, desires it."

Both were creatures of Grébaud, and they retired accordingly; and the duke's friends, making an archway of the count and Mathilde to pass under, they advanced to the table of the notary and signed the marriage contract.

An epousal is not a marriage," said Grébaud, himself, "and even if it were, the bridegroom shall sleep at the Conciergerie."

"And now, messieurs," said the commissary, who had remained a silent witness of the reading of the contract and the signing and sealing thereof, "I claim the presence of the Count de Fournier, otherwise the Count de Louvet."

"Otherwise he is damned!" said the Vicomte Languedoc. "A rescue, gentlemen, a rescue!"

"I will have no blood shed in this house on my account," exclaimed the Duke. "I demand the Deputy Grébaud. He has met in this place once before. His was the victory then. His must be the victory now. There will be a third time when fate may be just."

A shout of protest greeted the count's decision, but Mathilde, in a soft voice, said, "Henri, my love, you are right. Much misery must come of content here, and the deaths of many friends; but let me go with you."

"I surrender my sword," said the count.

"And I myself to accompany him," said Mathilde.

"That may not be," replied the commissary.

"You shall not part us," cried Mathilde, clinging to the count.

The company stood by in doubt and sorrow, some having sheathed their swords, others still clenching their weapons threateningly.

"Put up your swords, messieurs, until a fairer opportunity offers for their use."

"Let me see the commissary's authority for your arrest," demanded the vicomte.

The commissary presented it. The vicomte handed it to the count.

"It is in order," said the count. "Messieurs, it is well that we obey the law."

At a later period the count and his friends would have been more chary. Within four-and-twenty hours such an arrest would have meant death. But as yet the guillotine had not begun to devour the best and the bravest sons of France.

"It is the house shadowed by a troop of the National Guard?" asked the vicomte.

"It is an honourable escort of the Deputy Grébaud," Captain Marcy replied, "and was deemed necessary also for the citizen's safety a day when the mercenaries of Louis have armed the people; but it is not concerned with the duty of monsieur le commissaire of police."

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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

Arrangements are being made for utilizing the old building formerly occupied by the Royal College of Music as a sort of preparatory institution for younger and less advanced pupils, who would later on be passed on to the principal college. There was at first some difficulty in arranging how to prevent pupils at the lesser institution from announcing themselves as belonging to the Royal College of Music, but there is no possibility of the college name being misused. From the commencement of the first term in 1896 the college will be divided into an "upper" and "lower" division.

Sir Augustus Harris does not lose much time in securing artists for his Italian opera season next summer. He has already engaged Medesani Melba, Calvé, Sembrich, Lola Beeth, Meisling, Olitzka, and Brain; J. Alvarez, De Lucia, Bounard, Piancon, Altimondi, Castellar, Vaschetti, Ancona, Giliotti, and Pini Corsi; with Signori Mancinelli, Benigni, and Seppilli as conductors. Sir Augustus is in negotiation with Madame Adeline Patti, Madame Albani, and Madame Emma Eames; while I believe that, by the time these lines appear in print, the popular impresario will have concluded engagements with the accomplished brothers Jean and Edouard de Reszke.

Mr. Vert has arranged a long provincial tour for the celebrated pianist Herr Moritz Rosenthal, extending almost up to Christmas Day. The gifted virtuoso has also been engaged by Mr. Arthur Chappell for two of the Popular Concerts, Monday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 30. Herr Rosenthal will then be heard for the first time in chamber music here.

I am pleased to hear that the Carl Rosa Opera Company will probably have a short season in London after Christmas. With the exception of a few performances at Drury Lane in 1890, the troupe has not performed in the metropolis for eight years. A good many musical people will be glad of an opportunity for hearing "Jeannie Deane," the successful work of the young Scotch composer, Mr. Hamish McCunn; and the revised version of Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Ivanhoe."

It is said that the late Dr. Roach once offered to sell his song "Rosalia, the Flower," to a music publisher for £150, which was refused, but a year later it was sold for £200. The song was published in 1887, and in less than two years the music publisher had to pay £200 in royalties for the song which he could have purchased for less than half the amount.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey have given £250 towards the construction of an organ case in the abbey as a memorial of England's greatest Church musician, Henry Purcell. On Nov. 21, the bi-centenary of the composer's death, a great commemorative service will be held in the Abbey, when Purcell's "Te Deum" and some of his anthems will be performed by Dr. Bridge and the Westminster choir. The proceeds of the service will be added to the handsome sum given by the Dean and Chapter for the purpose I have already mentioned.

Various operas have been named for the opening night of Mr. Hedmont's season at Covent Garden next month. I believe the choice lies between "Carmen" and "Tannhäuser," the latter work being the one which will most probably be chosen, unless Mr. Hedmont prefers keeping it for performance on Oct. 19, the 50th anniversary of its production at Dresden.

Although Sir Arthur Sullivan is already possessed of the rough outlines of Mr. Gilbert's libretto for their new opera, he does not expect to begin working at the music until after the Leeds Festival, which begins on Oct. 2. It is, therefore, pretty certain the opera will not be ready for production at the Savoy Theatre until late in December.

Mr. G. H. Betjeman has issued a most attractive programme for his Highbury Philharmonic Society concert, Gluck's "Orfeo," Stanford's "Reverie," Dvorak's "Stabat Mater," and "New World" symphony, Max Bruch's "Beautifol Helen," and some of his "Songs of Victory," and "Festal of the 'Carmen,'" are all announced for performance. Mr. Betjeman is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday at one of our most delightful south coast resorts.

The name of Madame Adeline Patti is so closely identified with music of the Verdi, Mozart, and Rossini schools that it will surprise some people to learn that the famous prima donna is an enthusiastic admirer of Wagner's works. Madame Patti frankly owns that "otengrin" is her favourite opera, and that it is her wish to play the rôle of Elsa when she makes her final appearance on the operatic stage.

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I understand Mr. Eldridge's special train to Fulbourn and Amberg will run every Sunday throughout the present month from London Bridge at 8.55 a.m. as hitherto. It will also run during October, but will not then leave until 7.45 a.m.

The Western Pleasurables, meeting at the Berricks Arms, Berricks-street, had a fine show of fish at their last meeting. The total amounting to £224.10.0, of fine tanch from Norfolk, and some over 3lb. each.

Among the events of the coming week Mr. F. Goodwin's lecture at the Gresham, Mason Hall Tavern, on Tuesday is sure to draw a large attendance, and but for the fact that "Old Isaac" contemplates taking a short holiday he would certainly be among the company.

GENERAL CHATTER.

The Shahada has gone, and we all wish him a pleasant journey home. One of his latest acts was to give a most generous donation to one of our London hospitals. The prince came to us supplied by his father with pocket money, and he has made good use of his spare cash in many ways. If he would only write a book when he gets back to Cabul, he could no doubt say many things which would make his late hosts sit up and take notice. It is not always pleasant to be oneself as an observer, especially when the others are such unsophisticated observers as a young man from Afghanistan. But, then, those Easterns are so polite!

There has been a small scare at Grimby about a case of cholera. No doctor is at the moment, but, according to Dr. Klein, it is not Asiatic. That is no consolation to the relatives of the victim, but it means a good deal to the Grimby people, for home-bred cholera does not spread. The Local Government Board has been well advised, however, in sending down an officer, and it is to be hoped that the local authorities will be the more alert. Grimby suffered terribly from the scourge two or three years ago, and nobody could know how long cholera germs retain their vitality.

So far as London is concerned, it is really wonderful that the public health is so good. With the thermometer at 80 degrees in the shade, as it has been this high temperature for a great deal of what is sometimes called summer sickness prevailed. The latest death-rate, however, is only about 15 per 1,000, which is only half that of some of the provincial towns. We owe a good deal more than our municipal Radicals will acknowledge to the medical men of the Metropolitan Board, who have been the best condition of the Thames in such a season as this but for their main drainage scheme? People whose memories carry them back 30 years or so will be at no loss for the answer.

It has been warm work in Parliament during the last week or two, especially when the House was divided. But in spite of Dr. Tansley and Mr. Tim Healy—business has progressed at a good rate, and honourable members are at last free to betake themselves to killing partridges or whatever country amusement may best commend itself to their liking. A good many did not, however, and were content to leave the affairs of the country in the hands of their leaders. If some of them would do it a little more frequently perhaps we should be none the worse off. But let us be thankful. The general election, among its other merits, has the means of sweeping out of the House of Commons some of its most notorious bodes.

The French will now have the opportunity, for which so many of them have sighed so long, of seeing a real live *Lor Maire*. Sir Joseph Renals, who has happily got over his illness, has betaken himself to Paris, on his way to Bordeaux, and the Lady Mayoresse will go with him. The programme includes a Sunday luncheon with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and on Monday Sir Joseph starts for the south, the State coach having been already despatched. There is really some advantage in being a *Lor Maire*, if you want to travel, for it is not so much a Customs officer with a bundle of baggage, but a Frenchman would suspect a *Lor Maire* of smuggling?

Sir Joseph Renals has made a wise resolve, according to a statement in a French newspaper. He told an interviewer that although he speaks and writes French, he means to visit his country while in France. He thinks his visit so important that he cannot afford to have anything he says misunderstood through any possible mistake in the use of an unfamiliar language. Many a humble traveller might take a hint from Sir Joseph Renals's caution. Half the troubles of English people on the Continent arise from their inability to speak French and German without understanding either. A friend of mine asked at a German railway station for a ticket in the best German he could command, but failed to make the clerk comprehend his meaning. At length that official lost patience, and said, "Why don't you speak English? I should understand you then."

How anxious our foreign friends are to become Englishmen! During last month alone as many as 57 took out certificates of naturalisation. Of these no fewer than 29 were Russians—Russian Jews, it is feared, coming to swell the mass of foreign pauperism in London. Our new Government should look to this matter in good time.

Taffy is a curious character. He is not altogether a bad sort of fellow in his way, and is apt to pose as being extra religious. That being so, it is curious to find in a return issued by the Education Department that there are 48 Welsh school boards which that Taffy is the reading of the Bible by the children, while in all England there are only nine which do so. Some people might say that Taffy (or his spiritual advisers) is afraid that if his boys and girls know too much of the Bible they will not care about disestablishing the Church. That may or may not be, but it is curious anyhow that the Scriptures should be tabooed in the Welsh day schools just as they are in those of the Republican France.

A good many people have been puzzled, I dare say, like a correspondent of mine, to know why the Queen is represented at Madame Tussaud's Exhibition in the Marylebone district of London, and not in her right place. The date is soon after the death of the Prince Consort. Through the kind courtesy of the manager there, I have seen a photograph of her Majesty from which the model was designed, and it shows that no mistake has been made by the artist. But can anybody tell us why the ring is thus worn?

There has been a little discussion going on in the "Globe" this week about the way in which the London omnibus companies change the times and routes of their vehicles without notice to the public. A passenger hails his usual "bus to go, say, to Charing Cross, and is politely told by the conductor—conductors

are always polite to their "regulars," and almost always to other people too—that the destination has been changed for Tottenham Court-road. That is the sort of thing that makes a man angry. Of course he can go some other way, but why should he have to do so? A man gets an affection for his own "bus," even though he cannot keep the same seat. The companies have a right to make their omnibuses pay, of course, and to alter their routes as they please for that purpose, but what is complained of is the want of notice to passengers. The railway companies do not treat their customers in this fashion.

MR. WHEELER.

I am glad to say that I have at last found the brake for tandem; at least, I have found one which suits me, which is, I think, enough. It was fitted to a Swift tandem, for which I have only praise to write. The brake is a simple plunger with a rubber-shod spoon, the rubber being considerably softer than the wheel of the tire cover, and the result is that all the work is thrown upon the easily replaceable spoon rubber, and not upon the costly tyre cover, which is a distinct gain.

I gave this contrivance a very severe testing over a very big country last month, and indeed put some unwarrantable strains upon it, and although I and my companion scaled well up towards 55 miles, the brake was absolutely effective, not only in standing the machine, but in pulling it up very sharply on very heavy gradients. I found none of the disadvantages which some riders have found in a front wheel brake, and I tried it on all sorts of roads and surfaces.

My experiences go to show that it is possible to gear tandem too low. Our mount was geared to 65in., and we did not find it so much of an advantage up hill as we expected, though, of course, it was a good hill climber; whilst down hill at speed the rate of pedalling was decidedly irksome, so I am inclined to advocate considerably higher gearing for ordinary road work than I have hitherto done.

The close of the season—the fashionable season, that is, in London—though it has had a most marked effect upon the trade, has not in any way checked the upward spread of the sport. From all quarters I hear of the enthusiasm of the new recruits, how they are using their "bikes" in all sorts of unexpected ways, and thus still further emphasising the value of the machine regarded simply as a means of locomotion.

When you hear of a gentleman bearing a well-known name arriving at one of the stately houses of England to dine, on a bicycle, with his dust coat-tail thrust into his trouser pockets, it seems as if the velocipedes had come to stay, does it not? On one instance practical use is worth any amount of cycle trips in the first blush of the enthusiasm in the newly acquired art. Yes; I think that there is no doubt that the bicycle has come to stay.

So we are this year to be favoured with a sight of those American "wheels," of which we have heard so much, those feather-weight roadsters upon which "200lb. men" disport themselves over the by no means excellently surfaced highways of the States, those full roadsters which weigh 20lb. or thereabouts, all these wonders are to be seen at the Stanley Show at the Agricultural Hall at the end of November, where, as usual, the cycle trade will assemble to show their wares for 1896.

The cycling volume of the Badminton Library has, I am informed, been completely revised and brought up to date, and will be issued in its 4th edition almost at once.

I am glad to hear that the North of England Camp was a conspicuous success, despite the wet. One of the special features of the camp was the support accorded by the local people. Sir George Sitwell, the Bishops of Hull and Richmond, Sir Charles Legard, and many more visited the camp and attended the sports, and I have every reason to think that the big Scarborough fixture in 1896 will be the most popular feature of the year amongst both Northern and Southern wheelmen.

I have pointed out before that though the better class clubs have deserted the road for the path, a lot of other organisations of a lower calibre continue to race upon the road. Surely it is about time that the union took a final step in the matter, and wiped out road racing once and for all. I commend this programme to the attention of our legislature, likely to prove more serviceable than wrangling over the licensing scheme, and so on.

A pension has just been granted by the Kaiser to Miss Reis, the daughter of Philip Reis, for whom the Germans claim the honour of having been the veritable inventor of the telephone. The royal family of Italy is said to be charmed with their new kinswoman, the Duchess of Aosta. Queen Margherita, especially, is happy at the choice of the young duke.

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LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

Sergeant J. B. Burgher, Forbes died at Newcastle on Tyne, aged 76. He was in the charge at Balclutha and was taken prisoner, but afterwards exchanged.

A series of meetings in celebration of the twenty-third national anniversary of the Order of Juvenile Templars commenced at Leicester on Saturday.

It is announced that quarantine against arrivals at Vienna from Messina having been relaxed to 24 hours' observation, Austrian vessels will arrive regularly at that port.

The German-American veterans, who have come to Germany to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Sedan, arrived in Berlin on Saturday afternoon from Hamburg.

James Hill was found dead last week in a well at Wollstone, near Stourbridge. His head and face were badly burned, and it is thought that in a paroxysm of agony he jumped down the well.

The Shahzadah and suite paid a visit to St. Thomas's Hospital, last week, and was shown over the museum, the medical school, the chapel, and the various female and male wards.

St. Thomas's Hospital on Saturday, Frederick Whitfield, 24, of Gradison-road, Clapham Common, was treated, having fallen from a bicycle at Kingston, and sustained considerable injury.

The Executive Committee of the Surrey County Council have issued an order for the muzzling of dogs, except those of the boroughs of Guildford, Kingston, Reigate, and Richmond.

The Lichfield Guardians have come to the conclusion that the short service system in the Army produces an army of paupers. They have thus informed the Local Government Board.

Thomas Gill, employed at Warren's Hall, Colliery, belonging to the Earl of Dudley, while "propping" the roof was killed by the fall of coal weighing about four tons.

The America Cup Committee and Lord Dunsen met last week and completed the arrangements for the races between Valkyrie and Defender. The victory will rest with the winner of three races out of five over courses of 30 nautical miles.

Daniel Moriarty, 34, porter employed at Covent Garden, fell from a four-story window at Turner's-court, St. Martin's-lane. His thigh was broken and he was removed to Charing Cross Hospital, in a critical condition.

An inquest was held last week at Duddingston, near Nantwich, on the body of Lillian Shropshire. Deceased was eating an apple, when a portion of it stuck in her throat. Two doctors were summoned, and whilst an operation was being performed the girl expired.

J. T. Brunner, M.P., on Saturday opened a technical institute at Runcorn. The town was on a fête, and the ceremony was made the occasion of a demonstration. Sir John gave a donation of £200 towards the building, which cost upwards of £4,200.

A determined case of suicide was investigated on Saturday at Finghingham, near Don. The landlady, Mrs. Ann, told that an elderly man, named Cox, after attempting to hang himself, cut his throat so severely as to cause almost instant death. Verdict, unaccounted mind.

The High Peak coroner held an inquest at Wirksworth, last week on the body of Mary Gleeson. Deceased was driving home with some friends when the vehicle upset, the young lady dying from injuries to her head.

The coroner is in a precarious condition, and several other ladies and gentlemen are injured. Verdict, accidental death.

The report read at the annual meeting of the Coventry Machine Cycle Company, held last week at Coventry, stated that the loss on the year's working had been £27,000, and the previous year £19,000. The report was adopted and the capital was written down 55 per cent. This company's trade was stated to be the best record.

An English lady named Sampson, who had been staying at Zermatt for some time past and had distinguished herself as an intrepid mountaineer, was proceeding with another lady named Groves and two guides over the Tuftock when she was struck by a falling rock and instantaneously killed. Others injured.

Last week the body of a woman with two little children bound round her waist was seen floating in the Thames close to Blackfriars Bridge. When they were within about five yards of the arch a steambot passed slowly over them from the pier at the other side of the bridge. The corpses did not reappear on the surface.

Reports were to hand last week of the enormous destruction to crops in all allotment gardens at Ponders End and other villages in West Herts by the recent storms. Hailstones about the size of small eggs cut almost everything to pieces, and quite destroyed many of the growing crops. A number of partridges were also killed.

On Saturday Mr. R. W. Brabant, deputy-coroner, held an inquest on the body of George Rutland, bricklayer, who, it was alleged, was killed on the Richmond railway line on Wednesday night. Evidence was given to show that deceased had no right on the line, but was in the habit of using it as a short cut home. Verdict, accidental death.

Last week the doliid, hammer, and other chain-makers in the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire districts gave 14 days' notice to their employers, claiming a return to the old time, which represents an advance of about fifty per cent on the present prices. It is expected that a strike will follow, as the employers have declined to meet the operators in a friendly conference.

In the election to fill the vacancy on the Huntingdon Town Council, Mr. A. C. Sweeting (mayor) headed the poll by 161, the leading numbers being A. C. Sweeting, 80; W. W. Bell, 60; and J. C. Sweeting, 50. Mr. Sweeting was elected mayor outside the council, but wished to take the first opportunity of a contest. The result has given great satisfaction. Mr. A. C. Sweeting is a Unionist.

At Armlay Feast, near Leeds, a cage containing three lions belonging to a travelling menagerie was upset while in course of transit. One of the lions slipped into a gutter upsetting the vehicle, which fell on four boys who were assisting in its progress. One of the lions, named Albert Redshaw, had both legs broken, and was conveyed to the infirmary. The three other boys received serious injuries to their heads. Fortunately, the lions did not escape.

A telegram has been received by one of the Australian Agents-General, stating that Mr. Sparks, a well-known resident in Adelaide, South Australia, waited for Mr. Kingston, Premier of S. Australia, in Victoria-square, Adelaide, and attempted to horsewhip him for a personal attack which the Premier made upon Mr. Sparks in a speech. It is stated that Mr. Kingston wrenched the whip from Mr. Sparks' hand and horsewhipped him, afterwards refusing to prosecute the original aggressor for assault.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

2nd LONDON RIFLES.
On the City of London range at Rainham the members of B and J Companies held their annual prize competition for the best marksmanship in the 100 yards, but was beaten in the second round. The winner of the Polytechnic only took first place in the final round. The winner of the 100 yards was a private, who was beaten in the second round. The winner of the 100 yards was a private, who was beaten in the second round. The winner of the 100 yards was a private, who was beaten in the second round.

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2nd WEST KENT.
The third game party of the corporals and privates of the above battalion was given on Saturday, and proved a great success. A concert was held on the lawn, and the numerous audience enjoyed the music of the 1st and 2nd West Kent. The 1st and 2nd West Kent won the cup with an aggregate of 814 points.

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ATHLETICS.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS SPORTS.
Five Rounds by A. J. Watson.
This meeting took place on the Blackheath Heath, and was a very successful one. The 100 yards race was won by A. J. Watson, who was beaten in the second round. The winner of the 100 yards was a private, who was beaten in the second round. The winner of the 100 yards was a private, who was beaten in the second round.

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The new battleship *Magnificent* arrived at the Nore from the Channel on Thursday upon the successful completion of her official trials, which commenced on Wednesday.

A telegram from Heywood reports another death from hydrophobia, the victim being a lad named Butterworth, who resided with his parents at Castleton, near Heywood. Several weeks ago deceased was bitten by a dog belonging to his master, but as the animal was not at the time exhibit any signs of madness he was killed. The youth, however, recently became unwell, and after terrible suffering died.

The Rhayader (Radnorshire) magistrates have committed two policemen, named Niblett and A. Thomas, for trial at the next sessions on a charge of violently assaulting a freeman labourer, named C. Rogers. The Rhayader, aged 30, Rogers was found by a rural postman lying in a pool of blood, and was removed to Rhayader workhouse, where his depositions were taken. He is alive but in great danger.

International Convention will continue to offer opposition, this will be the signal for the dismemberment of Turkey." The tears came to my eyes, and I felt overcome by the telegraphing to you the account of this painful interview. (Signed) RUSTEN PASHA.

The Ministerial statement on Armenian affairs, made in the House of Commons on Tuesday, is regarded in Vienna as equivalent to a confession that England is not prepared to compel Turkey to redeem her promise, and Austria-Germany cannot be relied upon cordially to support England, France, and Russia in the matter.

THE DESPATCH DENIED.

With reference to the letter quoted above, Reuter's Agency is rejoicing that the Ottoman Ambassador has declared that the despatch is apocryphal and that it was never written by him.

At St. Pancras Coroner's Court, Dr. Thomas held an inquest concerning the death of Morris Bess, aged 50, a cabinet maker, late of 20, London-street, Tottenham Court-road. The evidence shown that deceased had for a long time been given greatly to drink. He would not work, and the wife had to keep the home going by working herself. Verdict—death from exhaustion caused by excessive alcoholism.

During a thunderstorm in the neighbourhood of Hudson on Tuesday, a boy, aged 12, named Fred Hudson, who had been fishing and had taken refuge under a tree, was struck down by lightning and hurled into the river. He was taken out dead. Hudson's two companions escaped, but in a house about 100 yards from the spot, the wife of a labourer named Austin was temporarily blinded by the lightning flash.

A workman named Carry was cut on the head by the railway near Oldham.

At Westminister, Alfred Edwards, a driver, Chelsea, was charged on remand for assaulting his wife. Two months' hard labour and a fine of £100 were recommended by a judicial separation with £100 a week.

On the occasion of the funeral of a young man, the late Mr. Frankham, at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Frankham, M. Petit is the proprietor of which was valued at £22,000 at the time of his death, a sum of £22,000 at the rate of exchange, in local shares in the city of Bombay.

Several Italian organ grinders at cream vendors were charged at Birmingham. A woman named Deedee, wife of a street piano proprietor, Remondini, was charged with a man at Row-street, F. May, 17, was charged with Prisoner. He was formerly in the employ of Mr. Elliot, refused to give a name. On August 1st, he was charged with the same man from Birmingham. The man was abandoned. Three months.

At the London Sessions, Frederick 34, dealer, was indicted for having stolen a watch and 323 lire in cash from a man named Signor Angelo C. Three months.

A. Astor, near Birmingham, Thomas Cox was putting in some drain pipes at mission hall, when the man was charged with a man named Deedee, wife of a street piano proprietor, Remondini, was charged with a man at Row-street, F. May, 17, was charged with Prisoner. He was formerly in the employ of Mr. Elliot, refused to give a name. On August 1st, he was charged with the same man from Birmingham. The man was abandoned. Three months.

ice of Elizabeth-street, Pimlico, was charged with stealing two interest warrants, value £25 6s. 6d., the property of the London and North Western Railway Co. Ltd. At Aberavon Fair, a young man, James, employed at a shooting gallery, accidentally shot by a female attendant Medical aid was summoned, and it was stated that the bullet had entered under the right shoulder-blade, but its course could not be ascertained, as the young man lies in a serious condition.

Col. Yorke's report to the Railway Committee of the Board of Trade as to the cause of his inquiry into the accident at the Plat Station, on the Midland Railway, near Worcester, on the Railway on June 24th, 1902.

Col. Yorke states that he has no objection in attributing the accident, might have had very serious consequences, the excessive speed at which driver permitted his train to run through the late the station.

Minister of War to summon the technical committee of his department without delay to examine a discovery which a Boston inventor professes to have made. This he believes that he has found a explosive more powerful than melinite, the most powerful of which would revolutionize the art of war. He has named the substance "pyritine" and the inventor states that he has also made a peating rifle in which the new explosive could be used. With this weapon the projectile would be fired from a breech, and might, he thought, could carry 240 rounds of action, while this supply could also be replenished.

At Thames Isaac Rogers, a cabman, Manell-street, Whitechapel, was fined for driving and assaulting a woman. He fined 20s.

At a meeting of the Longton Town Council it was reported that Thomas Coates, market toll collector, who was also a constable of the first brigade, had gone on holiday. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The Association says, to bring him back.

Declarations. 219s.

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AT TWO IN THE MORNING.
 At Clerkenwell, Arthur Girling, 23, and Harry Bartlett, 35, were charged with attempting to break into a warehouse at Goswiler-street, Clerkenwell, occupied by Wilkinson and Co., bronze workers.—C's Leach and Cummin said that at 2 a.m. on Tuesday they heard noises on the top of a low building adjoining prosecutor's premises. A moment afterwards Girling was seen to jump from a wall on to the pavement, and was at once seized by one of the police, and the other prisoner was almost immediately afterwards captured at the back of the building. A faintlight over the warehouse door was broken. Bartlett said to the officers, "It is a fair 'cop.' I have a wife and six children at home starving."—Mr. H. Smith committed the prisoners for trial, and recommended the constables for the promptitude they displayed in effecting the arrest.

FELLOW LODGERS.
 At the Guildhall, Ernest William Sims, 24, said to be a book-keeper, of Cricklewood, was charged, on remand, with stealing articles on various places where he had lodged. When arrested by Det.-sergt. Denning, prisoner admitted having stolen a coat and some books from New-court, Farringdon-street.—William Fisher, Cotton-street, Whitechapel, said prisoner came to lodge in the next room to him on July 8. On the 16th his left, and he missed his overcoat, vest, and watch.—Edias Fuller, living in the same house, also missed a chain and seal. On the same day (July 16) the prisoner took lodgings at Cloudeley-square, Islington, and left on the following Monday, taking with him a pair of trousers belonging to Alfred Bentin, another lodger.—Det. Hayes proved previous convictions against accused at the Central Criminal Court.—Committed for trial.

THE RECKLESS CYCLIST.
 At the City Sessions Court there was an adjourned summons down for hearing against Henry Rhodes for riding a bicycle on the common danger.—Ald. Davies said defendant had written admitting the offence, and wished the case dealt with in his absence as he did not wish to have to come up from Leeds.—20s. and costs.—Thomas Gooch pleaded guilty to riding a bicycle to the common danger of the public in Chesapeake.—Defendant was racing with the bicycle on August 25, and was called on to stop, but he could not. The machine was, however, stopped forcibly, with the result that the defendant fell off and went through a plate-glass window.—20s. and costs.—Arthur Shand, a young fellow living at Romford, was summoned for riding to the common danger in Gracechurch-street.—Defendant came out from behind a van and knocked down a woman who was crossing.—Defendant said he shouted, and the woman ran into the machine.—Ald. Davies: In all these running down cases the injured person runs into the machine. I can't understand it.—20s. and costs.

A BROTHER'S DEVOTION.
 A touching story is told of a lad of 17, who on July 12 last, struggled himself on board the Irrawaddy. When questioned by the captain he said:—"I went to join my brother at Malajunga, where he lies sick." And he went; but, on arriving, he discovered that his brother had been invalided home. The brave-hearted youth is now working hard to earn enough money to return home to France.

Lord Auckland is lying ill at his seat Edenthorpe, Doncaster, suffering from an acute attack of congestion of the lungs.—
 The annual gathering of the Braemar Society was held at Mar Castle on Thursday. Among the spectators were the Duke and Duchess of York.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The births in London last week reached a total of 2,617, and the deaths numbered 1,335. The Great Fire of London broke out in 1666.

The great philanthropist John Howard was born in 1726.

The September massacre commenced in Paris 103 years ago.

The coin collection in the British Museum now consists of 250,000 specimens.

Mr. Chamberlain denies the story that he is in favour of military conscription.

A slight shock of earthquake occurred on Sunday in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Long Island.

The Lambeth Guardians of the Poor have practically decided to spend £25,000 on the increase of workhouse accommodation.

The anniversary of the Sultan's accession to the throne was celebrated at Constantinople in the customary manner.

Algeria, in the Chinese group, has been an fête, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of a new pier.

The enthronement of Dr. Randall Davidson as Bishop of Winchester is fixed for Oct. 15th.

The appointment of brigade-major, Royal Artillery, on the staff at Gibraltar, has been bestowed on Maj. J. White, R.A.

Southern California's orange crop this season has brought to the growers about £2,740,000.

Mr. Duncumbe, M.P., intends to bring in next session a bill to limit the hours of men employed underground in mines.

Mr. R. B. Finlay, Q.C., new Solicitor-General, was originally educated as a medical man, and obtained the degree of M.D. (Edin.).

A Kirkwall correspondent says that a Norwegian steamer is sunk in Pentland Firth, and lies in about 11 fathoms of water. The masts are seen at low water.

At Chatham, a court-martial sentenced a stoker of the Royal Navy, named James Snell, to 12 months' imprisonment for striking a superior officer.

Col. E. S. Neave, of Manor House, Maidstone, was thrown from his horse on Monday. His right arm was broken, and he sustained other injuries.

The stock in coin and bullion in the National Bank of Belgium is lower by £47,880 than a year ago. The total now amounts to £1,152,450.

The number of failures in England and Wales gazetted during the week ending Aug. 31 was 140. The number in the corresponding week of last year was 147.

Mr. Powlett Milbank, M.P., has been appointed lord-lieutenant of the county of Bedford, in the room of Lord Ormswath, who resigned.

Comte de Fontaine's mail coach, drawn by six little mules, entered Paris on Monday, after a wonderful journey from Lisbon across the Pyrenees.

The well-known Turin guide, Emilio Rey, was accompanying an English tourist to the Dente del Gigante when he fell down a precipice and was killed.

The quantity of rum sent from Boston to Africa has decreased in the last two years from 1,025,226 gallons to 561,225. The cause of this decrease is not given.

The Surrey County Council have issued an order for the mowing of down other than those in the borough of Kingston, Reigate, Richmond, and Guildford.

The deaths in the metropolis from diarrhoea, which had been 224, 163, and 112 in the preceding three weeks, rose again last week to 122, but were 16 below the corrected average.

By the use of the mechanical devices now employed it is said that workmen can make the bodies of the dead for 400 a day. By the hand process he could prepare only four or five.

Rear-admiral Andoe on Monday took over the appointment of admiral superintendent of Chatham Dockyard, where three years previously he had been captain of the steam reserve.

Heavy rain has fallen in most of the districts in Upper Burma. Serious distress is impossible except in Meiktila, Myingyan, and Yamethin. The valuable koukuy paddy crop has been destroyed in many places.

In various dioceses in Russia orders have been issued prohibiting the letting to Jews of houses, shops, and lands which are the property of the Church or belong to monasteries.

The number of evictions from agricultural holdings in Ireland during the quarter ending June 30 last was:—Ulster, 38; Leinster, 18; Connaught, 32; and Munster, 49, being a total for the quarter of 137.

An memorial to the late Bishop Thorold, who is buried just outside the Lady Chapel of Winchester Cathedral, the Dean and Chapter propose filling the south perpendicular window above the grave with stained glass.

The traffic returns of the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company for the past half-year show an increase of £4,870 in coaching, £2,536 in goods, and £12,109 in minerals, and a decrease of £1,616 in live stock.

Members of the House of Commons who, in spite of all temptations, have remained in town in attendance on their public duties, have been consoled by letters from Scotland reporting gloomy weather. It has been raining every day.

To perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. T. Buckmaster, of Brixton, whose desire it was to benefit the people of the parish in which for many years he had resided, a holiday home for poor governesses has been erected at Brixton.

A man named William Cody met with a terrible death at Cardiff. While crossing the railway at the Butte Docks he was knocked down by an engine and one of his legs cut off, whilst his head was crushed and his body terribly mutilated.

According to the quarterly return of the Inspector-General of Prisons, the number of crimes classed as agrarian outrages reported in Ireland during the period ending June 30 was 64, of which 42 were by threatening letters and notices.

Convicts in the Michigan State Prison are allowed to keep birds, and as a result of this there are fully 600 feathered songsters in the prison, all owned and cared for by the prisoners. Their carollings in the morning are one of the brightest features of life at this institution.

Iceland is preparing to compete for the tourist business. An association has been formed at Reykjavik to spread information about the island, and the Althing has decided to buy a steamer to establish direct communication with England for mails and passengers.

Russia is rapidly adding to her navy. The construction of the first-class cruiser Rossiya is being actively proceeded with at St. Petersburg. The vessel will be launched next spring, after which another armed cruiser of 14,000 tons will be laid down. In addition, an armed cruiser of 12,500 tons will be commenced.

An official telegram has been received in London containing a statement recently made that the Chinese Government had appointed Liu Ping Chang, the Viceroy of Szechuen, to investigate the facts connected with the outrages upon missionaries at Fokien. No such appointment has been made, or was even contemplated at the time.

A recent compilation of New England vital statistics shows that in 1892 21 marriages in every 1,000 of population occurred in the cities of more than 10,000 population, while in the villages and in the country the marriage rate was five less in the 1,000. The

city birth-rate is higher in about the same proportion, but the death-rate is also higher. The first Protectorate Parliament met in 1684.

Villa formerly meant a farm, and not a house.

The total income of the Church of England is about £200,000 a week.

Twenty-one per cent. of men employed in our merchant service are unable to swim.

Hens lay on an average 90 eggs per annum, and the product of a poultry farm averages 7s. per hen yearly.

It is in contemplation to form a pure beer league. Several Unionist members of Parliament are at the head of the movement.

A fatal accident occurred at 14, Piccadilly, on Tuesday. While some workmen were engaged at the house a large iron girder fell on one of them and killed him instantly.

Miss Sampson, who was killed by the fall of rocks on the Alpine, was the resident of Henric, and left her home three weeks ago with Miss Groves for her annual holiday.

At the East London Cemetery, the funeral took place of Constable Greenstreet, a popular Plaistow constable, who died suddenly. Deceased was held in the highest esteem.

The counties of Devon, Somerset, Gloucester, Hereford, Worcester, and Kent contain nearly two-thirds of the orchards of Great Britain.

Miss Douglas, the champion amateur markswoman of England, recently scored 57 bull's-eyes in succession with a revolver at 20 yards range.

It requires about double the power to propel a steamship 21 miles an hour than it does to move along the same vessel at the rate of 16 miles an hour.

Out of 1,496 ex-students of Girton, Newnham, Somerville Hall, Holloway, and Alexandra, the women's colleges of England, only 208 are reported as married.

Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk are the counties in England which contain the largest number of paupers, and next to them, Bedford, Cambridge, Hertford, and Bucks.

In the excursion train of the National Sunday League from Waterloo to Exeter on Sunday, a lady passenger was safely delivered of a son. Both are doing well.

Hop-picking is in full swing throughout the fields of Kent. The scene, viewed from the South-eastern line, is animated and picturesque, the fields being crowded with men, women, and children busy at work.

The will and codicil of Mr. F. Engels, the Socialist, who died Aug. 5, at Regent's Park-road, has been proved. The gross personalty amounted to £25,153 3s. 11d., and the net to £24,839 12s. 2d.

It was rumoured in Glasgow on Tuesday that the Japanese Government had placed orders for five warships in the hands of local shipbuilders to cost about five million pounds. Some credence is given to the statement.

As many as 26,326 doors and windows in London have been found open at night by the police in one year. Burglary will never be quite played out while householders are so careless.

One of the largest cheques ever drawn was for £23,000,000, paid through the Clearing House in 1870 or 1880. It was drawn on Messrs. Glyn and Co., and was paid to the Bank of England.

On Tuesday afternoon a heavy thunder-storm passed over Cheshire and North Wales. The lightning was very brilliant, and rain fell in torrents for a couple of hours. The telephone wires at Chester were severed by lightning.

On Tuesday night a gas explosion occurred at the Shaftesbury Café, 72, Shaftesbury-avenue, by which a window on the second floor was blown into the street, and the curtains were set on fire. The landlord, one waiter, and a barmaid were slightly injured.

London has 1,000 firemen. Paris has 1,300. New York has 1,600. Fires are much more frequent in proportion to the population in New York than in either London or Paris. London loses £1,800,000 a year. Paris £240,000, and New York £1,200,000 by fires.

An English officer belonging to the garrison of Malta has just been robbed of a sum of money and valuable to the extent of 8,000 francs during a railway journey between Palermo and Milan. His portmanteau had been opened with a false key.

The report of Dr. Klein's examination into the supposed case of cholera at Grimsby was received on Tuesday. Dr. Klein's telegram is as follows:—"Microscopic examination and culture give no evidence of Asiatic cholera."

Can we not, it seems, all frightened of the water. A member of the Piscatorial Society states that he possessed one which, taken out in a punt, would dive with unerring aim after a fish, bring it on board, and then dive again and anchor after others, being more interested in the sport than in the eating of his prey.

From the census of 1881 it was found that the density of population in Glasgow was 84 persons to the acre, this being exceeded by no city in Great Britain, excepting Liverpool. At that time 25 per cent. of the inhabitants of Glasgow lived in houses of one apartment, and 45 per cent. in houses of two apartments.

On Tuesday an attendant at the Forebarn-road Baths, Scarborough, found John Thompson, an implement maker, of Market-place, Ealing, lying dead on his head in the water. Thompson had been having a warm bath, and seemed all right when he entered the bath, which contained only about a foot of water.

At Surrey Quarter Sessions a man named Fullick was indicted for having demanded money by menaces from a Wimbledon man, Mr. Baker, leather merchant. Prosecutor was walking along a path near the Wimbledon Railway Station with a lady, when prisoner jumped out from a hedge and demanded 2s. from him. Six months.

A picnic party on Monday night accidentally fired the heather on Bokerley Tye, Cheshire, bringing and others. In a short time the fire had got beyond control, and about 200 acres were burnt out. It is reported that considerable damage has been done to ground game.

In the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71, when both the contending armies were provided with breech-loading rifles, the average proportion of killed and wounded at Worth, Spicheren, Mars-la-Tour, Gravelotte, and Sedan was one-ninth of all the combatants engaged, the heaviest loss being at Mars-la-Tour, where it was one-eighth, and the smallest at Sedan, where it was one-twelfth.

At the age of 25 a man should have acquired his maximum height, and should slowly increase in size to 65. His weight should slowly increase throughout the adult period, being at 30 a little less than the maximum, which should be reached at 40. The weight is very variable between normal limits, but the average among men of medium height 25 years old may be placed at about 150 pounds.

The decision of the House of Trade concerning the fatal boiler explosion at Longton, Cheshire, was made known on Tuesday. The board relieves Edwin Copetake, the proprietor, of responsibility, and found that Theodore White, who had examined and repaired the boiler, was incompetent, and was to blame for the explosion. An order was made upon him to pay £10 towards the expenses of the inquiry.

The Education Department has decided in future to recommend in the case of loans from the Public Works Department to school boards for architectural work a shorter term than has been the custom hitherto, and a higher rate of interest. The term will in ordinary cases not exceed 35 years for a new building, or the shorter period for alterations, provided that the expiration of the term will not make it necessary to

levy a rate exceeding 5d. in the £ for interest and repayment alone.

Adrian usually prepared one of his essays in Latin.

Milton's letters often allude to his mother in the most affectionate terms.

Michael Angelo was fond of the Books of Moses and the Psalms of David.

Sleeplessness is one of the greatest dangers to health.

Reindeer milk, and cheese made from it, are said to afford relief in lung diseases.

In 1182 the sands were heated by the sun to such an extent that in a few minutes eggs could be cooked in them.

Sir Thomas More was very proud of the "Life of Edward V."

The last was so intense in 1182 that rivers and springs dried up, and the bed of the Rhine became a sandy desert road.

The Scotists, a religious sect, were the followers of John Scotus, born, 1273; died in 1308.

Six ounces of gum arabic are said to be sufficient for the support of a man during 24 hours.

Alcohol was first distinguished as an elementary substance by Albucaasis, in the 15th century.

Little oak trees, an inch and a half high, are grown by Chinese gardeners. They take root in timbales.

The Emperor of Austria reached Aix-les-Bains on Monday. The Emperor is expected to see his son on the 17th.

Helvetius declared in his articles of war that soldiers ought to be made to fear their own officers more than they do the enemy.

About a third of the entire population of the world speak the Chinese language or its allied dialects.

In Japan, if a woman is not married by the age of 20, the authorities pick out a man whom they compel her to marry.

When very full, the biggest ocean liner of all is said to be able to carry £20,000 worth of passengers on a single journey.

Horseless carriages, propelled by miniature steam engines, are frequently seen on the roads between Paris and Versailles.

The Spanish Government has ordered that Oct. 12 shall be an annual holiday, in commemoration of the discovery of America.

A serious riot has occurred between Hindus and Mohammedans at Dhulia, in the Khan-deah district. Ten Mohammedans were killed, and many injured.

Machinery has been invented which rolls iron in such thin sheets that 1,800 of them piled one upon the other, are only one inch in height.

Queen Elizabeth formed out the Customs during a large part of her long reign. The annual sums paid by the purchaser for a year varied from £14,000 to £50,000.

A Swiss scientist has been testing the presence of bacteria in mountain air, and finds that not a single microbe exists beyond an altitude of 2,000 feet above the level of the sea.

Parisian restaurant-keepers mix a little honey with their butter. This gives it an agreeable taste and flavour, and makes inferior butter more palatable.

A man named Phillips, a plasterer, of Hastings, was drowned while bathing at St. Leonards. Some time before he was subsequently discovered in shallow water.

Coal dust can be formed into bricks for fuel by mixing the dust with one part of molasses and two of fuel, until the mass assumes the proper consistency to be pressed into bricks.

The lowest temperature ever recorded on the earth was, according to "Current Literature," taken at Verchojanak, in the interior of Siberia, Jan. 15, 1885. It was 90 degrees and a fraction below zero.

The sting of a bee, when compared with the point of a fine needle, under a powerful microscope, is hardly discernible. The point of the needle appears to be about an inch in diameter.

On Tuesday the Sharadad, accompanied by his suite, left Victoria for Dover, en route for the Continent and Afghanistan. His highness was received at the station by Lord G. Hamilton and other functionaries, levee dress being worn by most of those present.

The Tyne troops, which have been employed on troops duties since they were placed on the 1st of June, were on Monday, and placed in the A Division of the Medway Fleet Reserve.

Two doctors have independently arrived at the conclusion that most persons struck by lightning, and to a large extent dead, could be called to life by applying the method of artificial respiration in use for resuscitating the drowned.

It is not generally known that an orange hit in the exact centre by a rifle ball will vanish at once from sight. Such, however, is the fact. Shooting it through the centre scatters it in such infinitesimal pieces that it is at once lost to sight.

The Government Board has undertaken to prepare a return showing full details with regard to the water supply of the metropolis. It will distinguish between parishes and parts of parishes where the supply is constant, and others where it is intermittent.

Paupers in Holland are cured by an ingenious scheme. Each man is put singly into a cistern, and a flow of water is turned on. By brisk exertion the lazy man is able to pump out the water as fast as it runs in, and save himself from drowning.

A very simple method of inducing sleep in cases of persistent insomnia, and one that has been used where many drugs have failed, is simply to administer a moderate amount of warm liquid food before the patient goes to bed. This diverts the blood from the brain to the abdominal organs, and takes away the cerebral excitement that precludes sleep.

A cup of coffee is thus used to forestall the weather. Drop a few lumps of sugar into the middle of the cup; if the weather will be fine, if they rise rapidly and go at once to the sides it will rain all day; if they gather in the centre and then go in a cluster to one side, prepare for showers.

Little alligators sent to France from Florida are very popular pets with fashionable Frenchwomen. They seldom live to a dangerous size—thanks to their confinement and constant gorging of bits of raw meat to amuse their mistresses. A grown-up alligator, even if very tame, would not be a nice thing to have about a drawing-room.

We are officially informed that the new Anglo-French Parcel Post Convention does not affect the existing rates of postage on parcels exchanged between England and France, that is to say, 1s. 4d. for 3lb., 1s. 3d. for 7lb., and 2s. 2d. for 11lb., nor the limit of weight, which remains 11lb. Its chief object is to provide for the insurance of parcels passing between the two countries.

At the Middleton Petty Sessions, two private belonging to the Royal Irish Fusiliers, stationed at Carlisle Fort, near Middleton, co. Cork, named James Duff, and James Milford, were prosecuted by District-inspector White, for attacking the police barracks at Whitegate, and breaking the windows with stones. The evidence showed that the attack was a deliberate one. Milliard six weeks; Duffy four weeks.

The well-known Market Staiton Hall Estate, situate between Louth and Horncastle, in the centre of the Lanthier country, has been sold to Mr. John Sharpe, of Bardney Manor, Lincoln, for £7,650, which is a record for very low price. The estate consists of Market Staiton Hall, with gardens, orchards, &c., the manor of Market Staiton, extensive farm buildings, labourers' cottages,

cottage holdings, village shop and smithy, together with 439 acres of land.

A Russian does not reach his majority until he is 21 years of age.

There are sometimes seen at sea over 1,000 miles from land.

The catamounts of Rome contain the remains of about 6,000,000 people.

The hair grows considerably faster in summer than in winter.

The Marchioness of Londonderry on Monday opened a new workmen's institute at Silkeghis Colliery.

Mr. Horatio Dumbleton, R.E., has been appointed chief instructor at the School of Submarine Mining.

Potatoes everywhere promise to yield abundantly. So far disease has not manifested itself.

Mr. James Buckley, high sheriff for Carmarthen county, died suddenly on Monday at his residence, Bryncrenau Castle, Llanelly.

It is proposed to hold at Kiel next year an international exhibition for navigation and fishery, and a committee has been formed for carrying out the project.

Maj. J. H. F. Jones, Gloucestershire Regiment, second in command of the 1st Battalion, has accepted promotion to a half-pay lieutenant-colonelcy.

A man's full mental power is not reached before the age of 25, and the development of talent is most marked between the ages of 30 and 45 years.

The Mohammedans resident in Great Britain held a banquet on Monday night at the Restaurant, London, under the auspices of Anjuman-ul-Islam, to celebrate the birthday of Mahomet.

At Carrington (county Donegal), on Monday, a handsome memorial cross was unveiled to the memory of the late Earl of Leitrim. The Protestant Bishop of Derry delivered an eloquent address.

C. B. Knowles, commanding the infantry brigade at Malta, has been selected to succeed Maj.-gen. Sir F. Forester-Walker, as commander of the British forces in Egypt, when the latter vacates the post in December.

The War Office authorities have been assured Col. Sandys that the march shall be brought under the notice of Lord Wolseley when he becomes Commander-in-chief, with a view to its receiving his close attention.

The pulpit at Dalston Junction Baptist Church, which has been vacant since the removal of Rev. D. J. Riley, has been occupied by Rev. R. O. Johns, of Tredegarville, Cardiff, who has accepted a unanimous call.

The application of oil and gas engines to traction purposes on common roads appears in the newly issued "List of Subjects for Papers" upon which the Institution of Civil Engineers desires information, and will be prepared to award prizes.

The death of a child has occurred at Malta, of Capt. A. Holmes Sumner, who was formerly for many years the popular master of the Cotswold Hunt. He was a brother of Lady Fitzhardinge, and was married to a sister of Sir Nigel Kingscott.

It is notified from the War Office that the 20th Hussars, at Colchester, will embark for Southampton for India next Tuesday, to be stationed at Mhow, their place at Colchester as part of the Second Army Corps being taken by the 1st Dragoon Guards from Norwich.

Three landed at Liverpool on Tuesday from the Atlantic steamer Labrador, 10 of the crew of the ship, Dracena, 1,100 tons, which was wrecked in the Gulf of St. Lawrence while on a voyage from Middlebrough to Quebec with coal. No lives were lost. The vessel was owned in Dundee.

The Dublin steamer Duke of Fife went ashore near Portpatrick on Tuesday. Several of her fore pumps, filled with water, and a small tug with salvage pumps was detached from Greenock to her assistance. The passengers on board (150) were taken off and sent to Glasgow and Greenock by train.

While bathing from a machine at Eastbourne, a visitor named Clifford Pontifex Snellgrove, 25, was drowned. He was a good swimmer. It is supposed that he was seized with a fit, and the body of Mr. Snellgrove, whose home was in Kensington, has been recovered.

The cotton waste works of Fletcher and Cromland, at Bolton, were completely destroyed on Tuesday, damage to the amount of £5,000 being done. Two firemen were caught by a falling beam, and their injuries had to be treated at the infirmary. It is thought the fire was caused by a lighted match being thrown down the cellar grating.

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At the County of London Sessions Frederick Coverdale, 33, clerk, pleaded guilty to stealing a robe and collar and other articles value £156, the goods of Messrs. Perry and

Toms, drapers, &c., of High-street, Kensington. He also pleaded guilty to obtaining from Elizabeth Francis the sum of £225 by means of false pretences and with intent to defraud.—Prisoner was a despatch porter in the employment of Messrs. Derry and Toms. He also lived on their premises. Taking advantage of the facilities afforded he had for some time been carrying on a business of

some considerable time past since Arthur had absconded and was arrested by Det. Sgt. Martin in South Boston. In addressing the prisoner, the policeman said that "he could not think how the people he had gullied had believed all his lies." In the second case the prisoner made the acquaintance of a cook at the house of the prosecutors in the first indictment. Eventually they were engaged to be married, and the prisoner's false promises succeeded in obtaining the sum of \$200.00. At all the money she was possessed of—Det. Sgt. Martin said prisoner was some years ago discharged from a West end firm for dishonesty. He was afterwards convicted, and upon his release was arrested for robbing a domestic servant. He was then obtained a situation by a new character. The chairman said he regarded the case as extremely bad one.—Three years.

hearty cheered the coastguardmen.

TELEGRAPHISTS AND CONSUMPTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEOPLE."

Sir,—If the account copied from "British Medical Journal" be correct it reveals a serious form of danger to which

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he important body of public servants is li-

Thank you from the great number of
persons necessarily used. This would,
great measure, be remedied by using
sealed batteries.—Yours, &c., J.

ONE-SIDED FREE TRADE
TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PRESS."
Sir,—In your paper of April 25, I see
your "awake" professors to be unable to under-
stand why the Radicals should object to the de-
struction of the Government to stop the
importation of foreign prison-made goods. I
come of a family who have been Conser-
vatives, or Tories, if you like, for generations,
and I, too, object. I don't see why the man-
ufacturers of this kind of goods, or their
agents, should not be subjected to the same
kind of unfair competition as the manu-
facturers of other goods. I should like to see the markets of
our country so crowded with those foreign
goods as almost to swamp the manufacturers
as I think that, or something like it, is
only thing to make the dwellers in the
towns appreciate the situation the far-
mer are placed in by the operation of this
one-sided so-called Free Trade.—Yours, &c.,
BROAD GLOUCESTER.

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